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SUBJECT: AEROFLOT PILOTS ARMED

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL INDICATIONS THAT ALL AEROFLOT COCKPIT PERSONNEL ON DOMESTIC AND PERHAPS INTERNATIONAL ROUTES ARE CARRYING SIDE ARMS. DAO OFFICER, WH HAS BEEN OBSERVING SUCH PERSONNEL AT SHEREMETYEVO AIRPOR OVER PAST YEAR, NOTICED OVER THE PAST SIX WEEKS THAT THE WERE CARRYING 7 MM CALIBER AUTOMATICS IN HOLSTERS. MEMBER OF US MARITIME DELEGATION TRAVELLING BY AIRCRAFT EITHER FROM TASHKENT TO BUKHARA OR BUKHARA TO SAMARKAND JULY 7 THROUGH 10 ALSO NOTICED PILOT CARRYING SUCH A WEAPON.

2. POLL OF WESTERN EMBASSY OFFICERS AT JULY 18 TRANSPORT GROUP MEETING CONFIRMED PRACTICE QN DOMESTIC ROUTES, BUT RAISED QUESTION OF HOW LONG THIS PRACTICE HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE. FRENCH COMMERCIAL OFFICER, BASED ON PERSONAL OBSERVATION, STATED THAT IT HAD BEEN IN EXISTENCE AT LEAST THREE YEARS. OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS WERE NOT AWARE OF THE PRACTICE.

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3. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TRYING TO VERIFY WHEN THIS PRACTICE BEGAN. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE. TOON

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